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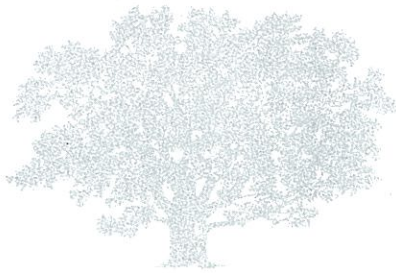
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Manila: De LaSalle College, Philippine College of Arts and Trade, Philippine Christian College, Philippine Normal College and the University of the East.

In August Perlman helped set up an Educational Management Center at De LaSalle College and participated in the Development of Educational Administration at the Philippine's Xavier University.

Thomas W. Livingston, '56, specialized in English literature at the University of Illinois and completed a Ph.D. in comparative education at Columbia University. He has been teaching at the University of California, Berkeley, for seven years. In a letter he writes, "It is remarkable how abiding Shimer education has been, for I am constantly drawing upon the rich cultural and intellectual background offered at Shimer. It has had greater staying power than most of the rest of my education and I'm desperately concerned about Shimer's continuing presence as a real alternative to the growing homogenization and instrumentality of higher education in America."

Betsey Sellner Whitman, AB '58, along with her husband, Harrison Carlton Whitman, earned simultaneous doctorates from Florida State University in August. This unique accomplishment resulted in a full page write-up on the People page of the Tallahassee Democrat. Her doctorate is in the field of mathematics education while Carl's is in educational management systems. Both are assistant professors at Florida A & M University in Tallahassee. Betsey writes, "It's really great to be through, and we're looking forward to starting a new year at FAMU soon."

John Greenberg, AB '66, traveled in Europe this summer with his family. He is a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin.

Rabbi Philip J. Bentley, AB '66, his wife, Phyllis, and their two sons, Shanan and Aron, left their Denver home, where Bentley was the Director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, so that he may serve at the United Netherlands Portuguese Congregation Mikve Israel in Curacao. The Synagogue, dedicated in 1732, is the oldest standing synagogue in the Americas and is considered one of the most famous sights in the Caribbean.

Rabbi Bentley would like to hear from anyone traveling through Curacao on a trip.

Janis Spencer Shane, AB '67, and Len Shane, AB '64, visited Shimer on July 22, 1975, with their two sons.

David A. Wayne, AB '67, and his wife, Judy, now have two boys, aged two and four, named Daniel and Jonathon. David completed one Master's degree in the Sociology of Education and is completing a Master's of Science in Education as well as working on a doctoral degree in education. "My thesis work often looks at the Hutchins' model of general education as one of the many positive educational alternatives that could be looked at in the existing secondary schools, so my ties with Shimer still remain." David teaches sociology and secondary counseling in Hamilton.

Mark Sheldon, AB '68, writes that things are going well for his family: Bonnie Bergman Sheldon, AB '72, his wife, their new son, Noah Jacob Bernard, and their four-year-old, Ivan. Bonnie has been admitted to an M.A. Program in Psychology at Saint Francis College. Mark read a paper at the Spring meeting of the Indiana Philosophical Association and has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities to conduct, in September, a series of public seminars dealing with issues in Medical Ethics.

Charles Plantz, AB '69, and Christine Holmes Plantz, AB '68, visited Mt. Carroll after vacationing in Chicago.

Charles is Public Defender in Sheridan County, Rushville, Neb. Chris is the librarian for the public school system. During their visit they had dinner at Sievert's with Esther Weinstein and attended an ice cream social on Court House square.

Leif Jenkinson, x '69, offered to help with student recruitment in Alaska. "Contrary to popular belief, Alaska is not a frozen, howling wilderness. There are many families anxious to send students to college who recognize the difference between training and education. Alaska students think nothing (for obvious reasons, if you look at a map) of traveling thousands of miles, and many are eager to explore life in the 'lower 48.'"

Jim Lazar, AB '70, visited Shimer on July 7, 1975. He is a graduate student in Policy Planning and Regional Analysis at Cornell University.

Zane Zicmanis, AB '71, fourth grade teacher at Mt. Carroll, has been named Carroll County Conservation Teacher of the Year.

John Noble, x '72, of Washington, D.C., is vice-president-marketing at Adams Secretariat, Silver Spring, Md. He received his AB degree from George Washington University in 1974 and was a teaching assistant in philosophy at Rice University from December 1974 to February 1975. He and Lester Kaplan, AB '74, visited the Shimer campus in May.

Joel Nitti, AB '73, will be a student this fall at the University of Illinois Medical Center College of Pharmacy, while also working for the Evanston Hospital Pharmacy Service in Evanston, Illinois.

Craig Sanborn, AB '73, is living with six others at the Pond House, in New Hampshire. The cost and work for the 400-acre woodlot is shared among the six. Craig is responsible for the forestry.

Craig has worked on a memorandum on the legal rights of New Hampshire public high school students for the New Hampshire Legal Association. He has been studying land use laws and amusing himself by following state politics.

Steve Kline, x '73, is in his third year of law school and has a clerkship with an attorney in Orange, California.

This past academic year he was a teaching assistant in Legal Research and Legal Writing courses. Next year he will be responsible for a section on Legal Research.

Steve was named the Outstanding Student in the Clinical Law program of public defender.



## STATEMENT FROM THE EDITOR

# POSSIBILITIES IN A NEW ERA

The "New Era" Shimer College is entering this year is more than a mere catchphrase. For those of us in close contact with the College, it is a contagious flow of energy that has spread with the arrival of Shimer's 14th president, Dr. Ralph Wendell Conant. The newness is manifest in new faces, new policies, a freshness of ideas, and an intensive re-examination of what we do here and how well we do it.

I am hopeful that we will succeed in generating new enthusiasm beyond Mount Carroll so that alumni, friends, parents, and future students will sense the vitality of Shimer College. The current status of higher education in America is frightening. Shimer has an even greater responsibility to serve as a Socratic challenger to contemporary educational trends. I am certain that this is the very reason which prompted the nationwide support that kept Shimer alive during the recent years of crisis in most small private colleges. Shimer alumni are dedicated; they share a closeness which far exceeds that found among alumni of other alma maters, due to their concern for quality education and its preservation on this small campus in Mount Carroll.

This sense of pride, the concern for Shimer's continued existence and the integrity of Shimer's offerings, makes working closely with the alumni a rewarding experience. As a 1975 graduate (AB-Humanities) and with a year's experience in the Admissions Office, I was asked by Dr. Conant to act as a Special Assistant in the President's Office to coordinate alumni relations. More than anything else, the "special" aspect has been my work with alumni. I have met alumni from all parts of the country and am familiar with almost all of the names from mailing lists, phone calls, and correspondence. I have assumed the role of coordinator of alumni news, mailings (with a drastically out-of-date mailing list), activities, and fund-raising.

The role of alumni in determining the future direction and preservation of Shimer has steadily increased in recent years. It is no longer a distant relationship. Robert Falk, AB '65, returned to the campus after a long absence and worked in the Admissions Office for a few weeks this summer. An account of his findings is included in this issue of the *Bulletin*. Marguerite Boudreau, AB '65, coordinated a group of five or six alumnae in the Washington, D.C. area to help with the revision of the *Shimer Catalog*. Janet Gibstein Turner, BS '58, and her husband, Ben (an honorary alum), hosted more than sixty guests at an alumni reception at their home in Silver Spring, Maryland in August. Several alumni are serving on the Board of Trustees.

Alice Bro Racher, '41, is chairing the \$200,000 alumni fund drive currently underway. Recently she directed the Presidential Search which resulted in Dr. Conant's appointment. Finally, Barry Carroll, AB '66, was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board last May. Aside from being the first alumnus to serve as Chairman, Barry is believed to be the youngest college board chairman in the nation.

Barry has been instrumental in bringing Shimer out of the limiting confines of assignment and back into the control of the Board. His energy and his ability have combined with the efforts of Dr. Conant, other Board members, and those of us at the College to lead us into a new period of open understanding. Alumni will be reassured that Barry is a devoted Shimerian concerned not only with the financial state of affairs, but with the state of higher education in America today as well. This is reflected clearly in the statement Barry prepared for the *Bulletin*.

The new era is one of new financial means and goals. We are out of the assignment that the Board deemed necessary in November of 1973 and well on our way toward our goal to raise \$600,000 by November 10, 1975. The date set for reaching this goal is Dr. Conant's inauguration; significant, of course, as it is the second anniversary of the closing announcement!

I have taken the opportunity (or should I say license) which this new era and new position have provided to expand the *Alumni Bulletin* and to reconsider the function it can serve for the more than 3,000 readers. I hope you will pay close attention to this issue and let me know your opinions of the content, scope, and overall value to you as a means of communication. Of course I hope to hear from you with suggestions and contributions for future issues.

Yours truly,  
Tim Cole, AB '75  
Editor

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# Unity, Support Felt as Town Welcomes Students

"Welcome Shimer Day" in Mount Carroll was sponsored by the Mt. Carroll Chamber of Commerce and the Mt. Carroll Jaycees on September 13, 1975.

Students, faculty and other members of the community arrived early in the evening at the Court House lawn where dinner was served. The Jaycees served homemade ice cream for dessert.

Mr. Theodore Robbe, Mayor of Mt. Carroll, in a speech, briefly greeted the students to the community. He introduced Lano Frank, President of the Chamber of Commerce, who also said a few welcoming words to the students on his behalf.

Barry Carroll, AB '66, followed Frank and announced his pride in being the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees for a college whose students are up to par with Ivy League institutions according to the GRE test scores. Barry also commented on the various noteworthy activities of Shimer Alumni.

## Student Govt. Chooses Fall Officers

New officers were elected by the Student Government Association for the first semester. Chris Wu from Prairie Village, Kans., was elected Chairman; Lisa Salzman from Evanston, Ill., is Vice-Chairman; Julie Jenkins from Bolton, Mass., is Secretary; Seymour Turner from Chicago, Ill., Treasurer; and Mike Ladenson from Havertown, Pa., will serve as Parliamentarian.

First on the Student Government's agenda is the completion of allocating student funds for student activities this fall. Members of Student Government are active on the Presidential Advisory Committee, the Educational Policy Advisory Committee, the Educational Policy Committee, Student Faculty Committee, Social Committee and the Radio Board.

## Alumni Development Project Needs Photographs

The Alumni Office, in conjunction with Larry Lissner, AB '65, is compiling an audio-visual presentation for use in admissions and development work. We are in need of a wide variety of color and black and white slides and prints to be duplicated for this presentation. If you have any recent campus photographs which you think would be appropriate, please label them and send them to the Alumni Office, Shimer College, Mount Carroll, Illinois 61053. We will make slides from the originals and return them to you.

The firm Lissner and Prindle, Inc. (Larry Lissner and Steve Prindle, AB '65) is donating its services for this project. Located in Washington, D.C., the firm specializes in this type of audio-visual presentation.

Dr. Ralph Conant received a warm welcome from the crowd as he approached the microphone. He expressed his gratitude to the Mt. Carroll community for their recent support in securing the loan collateral that enables the board to release the assignee.

Kim Holmes, from Markham, Illinois, represented the new students and talked about "the Shimer spirit," a vital force affecting all new students.

Chris Wu, from Prairie Village, Kansas, represented the older student body as Chairman of the Student Government. In his speech he reflected "I really feel there is a spirit of support in the community that is brand new since I have been here. I think it will be a unifying force for the campus this semester." He also extended his gratitude to the "Pharmacy Center for those free fly swatters without which we would never have made it so far."

Thirty prizes, donated by the Chamber of Commerce, were given to Shimer students in a drawing.



Ralph and Audrey Conant, Shimer's new first family, celebrated their Silver Anniversary with the campus last month. Following a picnic dinner on the Quad, the Shannon German Band entertained students, faculty and friends with music on the patio behind Howe Hall and led a group dancing and singing across the golf course. In this photo Tom and Mimi Atkinson, Sheldon and Virginia Frank, and Bob and Jane Weismiller help the Conants cut the anniversary cake—all were celebrating anniversaries.

## Alumnus Helps Fund Symposium

Tom Orciger, AB '64, responded to a student group which was planning a rebirth for a campus newspaper by personally offering to underwrite the postage cost for at least two mailings to alumni. The newspaper, which will go by the name of *Symposium*, is under the direction of Sandy Kozlowski, a student in her final year at Shimer.

The first issue of *Symposium* is currently being published and will be in the mail to the alumni shortly. The editors have plans to combine financial support such as that offered by Tom Orciger and subscriptions to make the newspaper available to alumni on a regular basis.



# New Board Members Include Shimer Alumni

Two additional Shimer alumni were among the four new Board of Trustees members elected on Saturday, September 13, 1975. They are Thomas R. Atkinson, AB '63, and Channing Sieben, AB '64. Joining the two alums is a long-time resident of the Carroll County area, Donald Mackay, and third-year student Sterling Scott who serves a one-year term as the voting student representative to the Board.

Tom Atkinson of Mount Carroll is president of Atkinson and Associates, Inc. He was formerly a senior executive with Kemper Insurance, and prior to opening his own business was a vice-president of John F. Gustafson & Company, Chicago. After his Shimer graduation he received an MBA degree from the University of Chicago School of Business. Tom's wife is also a Shimer graduate, Margaret (Mimi) Goetz Atkinson, AB '55. Their daughter, Carolyn, has enrolled this fall at Shimer as an Early Entrant.

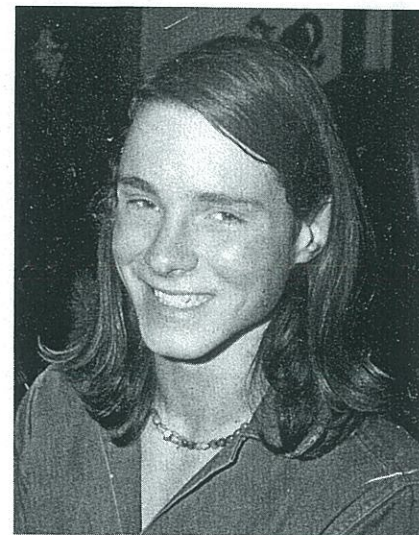
Chan Sieben is partner with his father and brother in Sieben Hybrids. He and his wife, Susan Johnson Sieben, who attended Shimer in 1962-64, have a seven-year-old son, Whit, and are adopting a two-year-old Vietnamese orphan girl, Lani. Susan most recently has been involved in pre-school work which has resulted in the establishment of a non-profit day care and pre-school in their hometown of Geneseo, Illinois.

Donald Mackay developed Timber Lake, southeast of Mount Carroll, into a combined resort, nursery and restaurant, and has also been a supporter in the development of Timber Lake Playhouse. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in agriculture.

Sterling Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling C. Scott of Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, where Mr. Scott is a teacher with the Arabian American Oil Company.



THOMAS  
ATKINSON



STERLING  
SCOTT

(We regret that photographs of Channing Sieben and Donald Mackay were not available for publication in this issue — Ed.)

## ALUMNI FUND DRIVE PROGRESS SLOW ON AMBITIOUS GOAL

An ambitious goal of \$200,000 has been set for the Alumni Fund Drive to culminate on November 10, 1975. As of the printing of the *Alumni Bulletin* \$11,018.98 has been raised which leaves \$188,981.02 left to be raised if the drive is to be successful. These funds are not expected to come completely out of the pockets of Shimer alumni, but can be the proceeds of various fund-raising events such as garage sales, auctions, or other similar group undertakings. Another means of contributing is to check with one's employer to see whether it will match gifts. In some cases a wealthier alum or friend of the College would be willing to match the gifts of others.

Future issues of the *Alumni Bulletin* will contain various suggestions of ways in which you can be of help to Shimer College through pledges, estate giving, and group fund-raising.

Although the current Fund Drive is set to culminate on November 10, Dr. Conant's inauguration and the second anniversary of the Board's decision to close the College, you may choose to pledge a gift or gifts at this time to help us reach our goal and plan on sending the actual gift at a later date prior to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1976.



"Shimer Lives!"

## Grad Reflects on Bitter Struggle, Reviews Current Scene

*Towards the end of F. J. Mullins' term as President of Shimer College the Shimer community experienced one of the most divisive and destructive periods in its 120-year history. The situation, labeled at the time as the G.I.S. (Grotesque Internecine Struggle), centered around major disagreements between students, faculty, administrators, and the Board of Trustees over personnel and policy decisions. The situation became so serious that a significant number of students and faculty members left Mount Carroll in protest.*

*Robert Falk, AB '65 graduated just prior to the G.I.S., but was in the area during most of the controversy. His reactions and subsequent revival of interest in Shimer are recorded in the following narrative.*

During the G.I.S. I was living near Mount Carroll and witnessed the pain and sorrow of the faculty and students. Soon afterward I left the midwest certain that Shimer had suffered a deathblow; too many elements of the Shimer experience had been damaged or destroyed. The Shimer gossip which occasionally

reached me confirmed my beliefs. As a result, for eight years, Shimer had neither my respect nor support.

Then, a few weeks ago, Jody Armstrong called to ask if I were interested in doing some recruiting for Shimer. She assured me that a renaissance was occurring, I assured her that I needed proof. I flew to Mount Carroll and became very excited when I saw what Shimer is and what it promises to become.

The present Board is concerned, knowledgeable, and active. Shimer's new president is working financial miracles, and promises to strengthen the academic program as well. Also, Dr. Conant and his wife, Audrey, are warm, interesting, accessible, people.

The Shimer faculty — while not uniformly strong — has a number of exciting teachers, probably a greater percentage of them than most other schools. (Alums from the late 60's will be glad to learn that Bob Richardson is rejoining the faculty this year.) I was pleased to see that the personal caring between faculty families and students which meant so much to me during my years at Shimer still exists. The students and recent graduates I met impressed me—the quality of their Shimer education was obvious. Lastly, the years of division seem to be over: students, faculty, administration, and Board are all working together to get Shimer on its feet financially and to make it even stronger academically.

Too good to be true? Visit the place and see for yourself. There still is a school unlike any other. Shimer lives!

## Ten Students Share Oxford Experience

Ten Shimer students, along with Mrs. Eileen Buchanan of Shimer's humanities faculty are involved in the Shimer-at-Oxford program this semester.

The students are James Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. Clark from Nutley, New Jersey; Douglas Coursen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Coursen from New Castle, Indiana; Brad Englert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Englert from Crystal Lake, Illinois; Andrea Kohn, daughter of Mrs. Aimee M. Kohn from South Orange, New Jersey; John Heffernan, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Heffernan from Falls Church, Virginia; Colleen McCarroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brenton S. McCarroll from Tulsa, Oklahoma; Susie Richter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Richter from Corpus Christi, Texas; Scott Sherris, son of Mrs. Doris J. Reppenhagen from Buffalo, New York; Anne Timmons, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Timmons from Chicago, Illinois; and Elizabeth Vandiver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Vandiver from Gainesville, Florida.



The students enrolled in the Oxford program last spring under the direction of Dr. Barbara Bowdery, Social Sciences faculty, traveled to Chepstow in Wales. Shown above are, top row, l. to r.: Bruce Abrams, Steven Chase, Roger Garberg; bottom row: Mark Thatcher, Kevin Joyce, Fay McClurg, Ann Perbohner, Gayle Koch and David Zelitsky.



# MORE THAN 60 ATTEND RECEPTION

## WASHINGTON, D.C. ALUMNI ORGANIZE

More than sixty Shimer alumni, friends, and parents gathered at the home of Janet Gibstein Turner, BS '58, in Silver Spring, Maryland last August 11.

Janet and her husband, Ben (who was made an honorary alumnus for his hard work and more than adequate understanding of the Shimer experience), went all out to send printed invitations to hundreds in the Washington, D.C. area and to prepare their home and backyard for the occasion.

The reception gave the alumni a chance to meet with Shimer's new president, Ralph Conant, and to

discuss the directions that Shimer is going in both financially and educationally.

In addition, many old acquaintances were renewed with those attending dating back to the 40's all the way up to graduates from this past May. Former faculty and parents attended as well as at least one prospective student (who is currently enrolled at Shimer as an Early Entrant).

A number of suggestions for the curriculum and for fund raising came out of the affair with the Washington group assuming responsibility for raising \$20,000 of

Among the visitors at the home of Ben and Janet Turner are the people in the following photographs by Sidney L. Lissner, AB '65. On this page, starting with the photo to the right and following clockwise, are: Beverly Burke, x '74, Nancy Brown, former faculty, and Jules Aronson, AB '58. Candice Conn, AB '69, and her escort, Christopher Kobler. Oliver and Lynn Gustavson Easterwood (AB '63, AB '65), Janet Hatton Mimh, '49, and Patricia Hatton Bellamah, '50.





## PLANS TO RAISE \$20,000 SET GOALS FOR A NEW ERA

the \$200,000 immediate needs alumni fund goal. Alumni from both the earlier and later eras of the College expressed their concern for the quality of the education being offered at Shimer. A number of the alumni from the 50's and 60's were aware of changes in the number of comprehensive examinations and in changes of reading materials and voiced reservations about such changes. Ralph Conant, anxious to learn as much as possible about the curriculum past and present, listened to the comments with a view toward improving on the current situation at the College.

The forum was the first of its kind in many years. It is hoped that the interaction regarding curriculum and educational standards stays in the forefront of alumni activities. The newly expanded *Alumni Bulletin* and the regional alumni associations which are developing across the country are the means for keeping Shimer alive for those who have graduated or been associated with the College as an ongoing discussion of educational needs and trends. The alumni remain the best "quality control" system available for the unique liberal arts program.



On this page, starting with the photo to the left and following clockwise, are: Alice Breeze Steinbeck, '43, Ralph and Audrey Conant, Dorothy Hatch Rasch, '42, Beverly Ericson Mandil, '42, identification of the following two people was unclear, John Steinbeck. Frank Malinowski, AB '72, and Nelson Kerr, AB '55. Ralph Conant and Marguerite Boudreau, AB '65.





## Bengali in New Class

# Shimer Attracts Asian Student

Among the fifty students beginning their Shimer College career this fall is an eighteen-year-old Bengali. Suhail Ahmed, newly arrived to the United States and to its system of higher education, has pleasantly surprised the Shimer community with his command of English, his wit, and his ability to fit in quite comfortably in this new environment.

Suhail himself explains that, although the average Bengali might find the education and lifestyle in the U.S. a major change, his own preparation was largely the product of American Roman Catholics. In contrast with a majority of Bengalis, Suhail's father, Mr. Maqsood Ahmed, has a master's in literature and has for many years been an influential person in both the West Pakistan government prior to the "liberation war" of 1971 and in the current Bangladesh government. His status would be equivalent to that of a Joint Secretary with the task of advising several ministries on financial matters.

Suhail acknowledges that his position gave him greater insights than most Bengalis into the recent coup in Bangladesh which occurred just prior to Suhail's departure for the U.S. However, it is too early for him to make any definite comments on the situation there as he says, "The mist is yet to clear. At this juncture it would not be prudent to comment on the situation."

The eighteen-year-old has a good deal of rather exciting experiences which can account, at least partially, for such caution. As a Bengali, it was very dangerous to be a government employee in 1971. The Ahmed family had been constantly shuttled back and forth between West Pakistan and what was then called East Pakistan.

At the outbreak of the Bengali "liberation war" in March, 1971, Suhail's family was located in Karachi, West Pakistan, an area known for its anti-Bengali sentiment.

In December of that year, with the intervention of the Indian army, the Bengalis in East Pakistan declared their independence and the formation of the new state of Bangladesh. The Bengalis held thousands of Pakistani soldiers and civilians. The Ahmeds were among the Bengali "hostages" held in West Pakistan. Soon Suhail's father lost his job and the family was forced to accept an income of approximately 10¢ a month. They sold their belongings in order to eat.

After a period of ten months Bengali soldiers and some civilians were sent to concentration camps and the Ahmed family grew anxious. In October, 1972, they hired a professional smuggler to help them flee to Bangladesh, the independent Bengali's new nation.

In the next issue of the Bulletin we will publish Suhail's own account of his family's experiences on this eventful journey.

### Editor's Note:

*The following statement, which is actually taken directly from Suhail Ahmed's application to Shimer College, is used with the author's permission.*

It was 1972. My family and I were stranded Bangladesh nationals in Pakistan. Following the dismemberment of Pakistan and the emergence of Bangladesh as a free and sovereign nation, anti-Bengali sentiments rose sharply in Pakistan, inclusive of Karachi. Bengalis (Bangladesh nationals) were ostracized and looked upon with formidable hostility.

I was studying at Karachi Grammar School in the 11th grade. In our class there were three sections. In my section, there were no other Bengalis apart from me. For our Biology class, two of the sections combined together. Though all the students knew me, most of them were not aware that I was a Bengali.



Suhail Ahmed — at home on the steps to Hathaway Hall.

One day, as usual, we were having a Biology class. Adjoining the classroom there was a demonstration room with a few microscopes and work tables. The teacher asked us to file in there to study the cross-section of a dicotyledon stem under the microscope. At this point, I passed a remark which seemed to irritate a boy. It was then that he loudly and distinctly said, "Chatgao," his voice rising over all other voices. In Urdu the word means "Chittagong," which is a well-known city in Bangladesh. So, that single word conveyed to the whole class the message that there was a Bengali in their midst.

A pregnant silence descended magically on the room. Everybody turned and stared at me with wonder and hostility mingled in their eyes, as if, for the first time, they had seen a strange animal in the zoo, which they had heard so much about. I moved my eyes furtively, only to find other eyes locked on me. In that stillness, I noticed another pair of eyes. They belonged to the teacher. His hands were frozen into immobility beside the microscope. His eyes moved away guiltily towards an empty corner of the room. And then, for the first time, I realized that the man in that pompous suit was ugly.



# Talented, Enthusiastic Group Joins Shimer Community

Shimer College begins its 122nd year with an enthusiastic entering class of fifty students. This group brings the enrollment to a steady 182. The new students bring with them a wide variety of talent, experience, and geographical origin. Twelve states and one foreign country are represented in the group. Alumni will be interested in scanning the list of new students

to see where they come from; in many cases the students are a direct result of alumni help in the College admissions program.

Half of the entering class (25) are high school graduates while a sizeable one-third (16) are here as part of the Early Entrant program. Nine students transferred to Shimer from other colleges.

<i>Student</i>	<i>Parents</i>	<i>Home Town</i>
Suhail Ahmed	Mr. and Mrs. Maqsood Ahmed Choudhury	Dacca, Bangladesh
Carolyn Atkinson	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Atkinson	Mount Carroll
Richard Barnett	Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Barnett	Ottawa, Illinois
Paul Barrow	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barrow	Chicago, Illinois
Tony Bennie	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bennie	Haddon Heights, New Jersey
Mary Pat Bobb	Mrs. Margaret Caporaso	Mount Carroll
Tim Braucher	Mr. Richard Braucher	Glenwood, Illinois
Kathryn Chapin	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Chapin	Kansas City, Kansas
Susan Clark	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clark	Nutley, New Jersey
Jonathan Conant	Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Conant	Mount Carroll
Robin Craig	Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Craig	Streamwood, Illinois
Don Daskais	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Daskais	Evanston, Illinois
Bob Davis	Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Davis	Silver Spring, Maryland
Dan DePetro	Mr. and Mrs. Victor DePetro	Chicago, Illinois
Ken Frandsen	Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frandsen	LaGrange, Illinois
Lisa Frank	Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Frank	Mount Carroll
Mary Edith Graf	Mr. and Mrs. George Graf, Jr.	Granite City, Illinois
Seth Grosshandler	Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grosshandler	Park Forest South, Illinois
Steven Haworth	Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haworth	Edina, Minnesota
Tena Herringa	Mr. Don Herringa (Husband)	Mount Carroll
Kim Holmes	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holmes, Sr.	Markham, Illinois
Steve Honer	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Honer	Ottawa, Illinois
Conrad Iandola	Mr. and Mrs. John Iandola	Pearl City, Illinois
Jacques James	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph James	Chicago, Illinois
Kathleen Jansyn	Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jansyn	Danielson, Connecticut
Cam Kalbacher	Joseph Kalbacher and Dr. Catherine Kalbacher	Barrington, Illinois
Karen Klutho	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Klutho	Kirkwood, Missouri
Susan Lapidus	Mrs. Frances Lapidus	Englishtown, New Jersey
Grace Lloyd	Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lloyd	Chicago, Illinois
Ken McBride	Mr. and Mrs. Richard McBride	St. Louis, Missouri
Stephen McKenzie	Mr. and Mrs. William McKenzie	Chicago, Illinois
Loren Sue Meltzer	Mr. and Mrs. Burton Meltzer	Tarzana, California
Sharon Moon	Mr. and Mrs. Don Moon	Mount Carroll
Beth Murray	Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Murray	Tiskilwa, Illinois
Tom Oberg	Mrs. Maripat Oberg (Wife)	Mount Carroll
Thaddene O'Connor	Mr. and Mrs. Martin O'Connor	Chicago, Illinois
Mary Clayton Pearce	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pearce	Birmingham, Alabama
Wauneta Phelps	Rev. Robert Phelps (Husband)	Mount Carroll
Debby Roberts	Mr. and Mrs. Larry Roberts	Mount Carroll
Lawrence Shaver	Mrs. Violet Darimont	Aurora, Illinois
Nina Kay Sniderman	Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Sniderman	Evanston, Illinois
Bill Sofko	Mr. and Mrs. George Sofko	Syracuse, New York
Joe Starzyk	Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Starzyk	Chicopee, Massachusetts
Alan Testrake	Mr. and Mrs. John Testrake	Richmond, Missouri
Jan Vilkaitis	Mrs. Phyllis Vilkaitis	Brookeville, Maryland
Richard Wernecke	Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Wernecke	La Harpe, Illinois
Colette Wesley	Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wesley	Hoffman Estates, Illinois
Karen Westling	Mrs. Dolores Westling	Chicago, Illinois
Casey Wielgosz	Mrs. Irene Wielgosz	Chicago, Illinois
Jim Yeazel	Mr. and Mrs. James Yeazel	Tiskilwa, Illinois





Barry Carroll, foot stomper, singer, entrepreneur, and presently the youngest college board chairman in the country, is pictured here receiving the gold key to the College from the former assignee of the College, Mr. Leonard Spira.



Barry performing at an Orange Horse in 1964 with the Hathaway Jazz Quartet. In the background is Larry Karp, AB '67, on bass.

fore he or she succumbs to the practical needs of performing a specialized function of value. We may all become ants in an anthill, but our ultimate contentment and satisfaction in the part we play, comes best from a familiarity with the history of the anthill, its architecture and arts, and the physical, judicial and behavioral laws which govern it. I agree with Camus that our lives are absurd, but that our lives become rich in the actions which we take in the face of absurdity. I would add that they become far richer if our actions are in the well studied context of the aggregated actions, thoughts, and dreams of man.

Most important, I think that Shimer is extremely well equipped to present that context with immediacy and clarity. Like Plato's Meno, students can discover truths by being helped to ask the right questions. The skills of analysis are far more lasting and rewarding than the warm stable of facts, which too many colleges equate with "an education."

Because I believe in the importance and the efficacy of Shimer, I have become involved with her fate. If Shimer was going to close this summer, I thought it would be better with a graduate as Chairman of the Board than an outsider. I also knew that I could muster some money, and more time than perhaps anyone not so familiar with Shimer could manage. I felt that if Shimer would fail despite my best efforts, and those of Ralph Conant and the many other trustees, faculty and townspeople, that our fate was inevitable anyway.

But Shimer is worth the try. Our "Community of Scholars" is often squabbling in a most unscholarly manner, but it is enobled by the striving for, even more than the achievement of, its ideals. As a member of the board for five years, I have seen in our community, petty problems exaggerated all out of proportion; excruciating deliberations on inconsequential subjects; and amazing educated buck passing on our real problems when they become too enormous to ignore. I

expect to be on the receiving end of quite a few pot shots. But Shimer is too good to let expire like so many other little schools of less distinction.

I appeal to you alumni of the Hutchins era to realize that the spark is still alive at Shimer; that it shows good healthy signs of bursting into flame; that you are as essential to the future success of this school as Dr. Conant, and the rest of us; and that now is the time to add your coals to the fire.

The alumnae of the pre-Hutchins era have the privilege also of belonging to our College Community, of being a part of an institution of academic distinction and influence far beyond its size. Just as Shimer provided the foundation for your education, now be the foundation of the college.

Reestablish and reaffirm your ties and you will be very pleased with what you see, and help us — with pride and satisfaction.



Barry and Robert Falk, AB '65, in 1964, Commedia de l'arte.



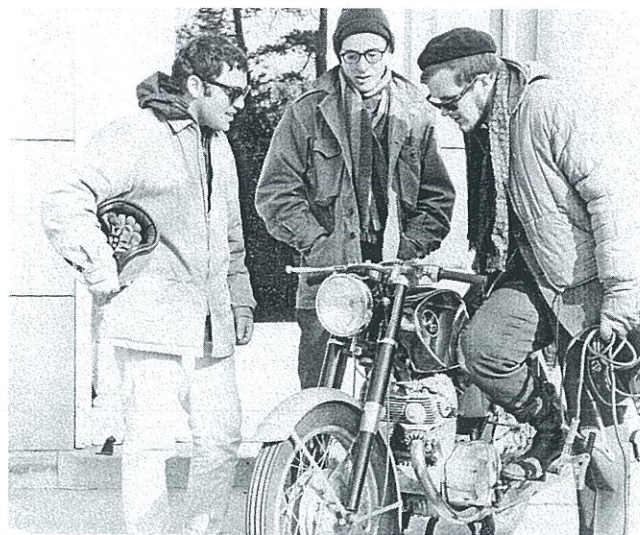
## Actions, Thoughts, and Dreams

# Barry Carroll's Reflections as a Student and Board Chairman

When I was a student at Shimer, a transfer from a punch card/lecture university, I think Shimer must have been as close as it has ever been to its Community of Scholars ideal. Enough students seemed to prepare their work, and instructors guided discussion rather than funneled facts. Materials were well selected. More exciting, however, was the spontaneity on campus, the enthusiasm of instructors to study and prepare courses outside of their previous training; the way discussions arose outside the classroom; the openness of faculty homes and hearts to the ongoing dialog on the process of civilization and the problems man has dealt with to the present. The students generated numerous extracurricular activities and interest groups. There was a keen individualism and yet an egalitarianism. (I didn't really know who was in my graduating class until I saw who showed up that day.)

The London/Oxford project revived in '64-'65 after a three-year lapse was a superb opportunity for me to exercise self-reliance, and a rich confrontation with the past and present of Western civilization. We were anomalies in a weathered class structure, only grudgingly permitted the social mobility which we had taken for granted. We were the "aliens," a shocking realization, and we nurtured an objectivity, not only to the culture we found ourselves in but toward our own. The project group shared so many things that the light of comradeship and sympathy still twinkles in our eyes today.

My last year, living off campus with my new wife, Barbara (an old non-Shimer sweetheart), was quite different again, and I found my life more settled, my studies more methodical, leading to a career decision. The OMP (Organization Methods and Procedures) and Thesis courses were particularly timely and helpful in this respect. My thesis was based on the operation



Three members of the notorious motorcycle gang, Alma's Rats, Barry Karp, AB '68, Larry Lissner, AB '65, and Barry Carroll.

in Spring of '66 of "The Golden Shovel Coffee House" in the basement of a pool hall uptown. I had a taste of managing a real (marginal) business and it appealed to me. This opportunity to tie together the fine arts, and rudimentary financial and managerial skills in an enterprise, which served a need in the community and turned a modest profit, satisfied a course requirement, and helped focus my attention on the directions I might take in the "real world."

I have heard said and strongly believe that it takes at least four semesters at Shimer to begin to see how the program works, to see how the disparate threads in the three major areas start to come together in a whole tapestry. One of the most difficult things to sell to a prospective student, who is often under considerable pressure to specialize, is the value of grasping the sweep of the phenomenon of civilization first, be-



The "Frannie Wood Shimer Memorial Foot Stompers and Cat Kickers" jug band performing at the Golden Shovel Coffeehouse in 1966. Left to right: Jim Block, AB '67, Barry Carroll, Jim Hill, AB '66, and Marc Nelson, AB '66.



Barry Carroll in London in 1965.



# New Faculty Members Join Staff; Richardson Returns

New members of the Shimer faculty this fall are Mary Mosley, Margaret Skoglund and Stephen L. Collins.

Mrs. Mosley will join the humanities staff and will teach French, Spanish and courses in literature. A graduate of the University of Puget Sound, she received her M.A. and this year is completing her doctoral work at the University of Missouri, where she was named outstanding teaching assistant in Spanish in 1974.

Miss Skoglund will also be an instructor in humanities, with art history as her specialty. She too has done her graduate work at the University of Missouri, where she received her M.A. in 1973 and had completed most of her research for her Ph.D. Miss Skoglund has taught art history at the University of Missouri, and has also been an instructor in English.

Mr. Collins is a member of the social sciences staff, and will teach history at Shimer. He is completing his Ph.D. at Emory University this year. A recipient of a Ford Foundation Fellowship (1970-75), Collins has had research experience in England at the British Museum, the Public Record Office, and the Institute of Historical Research. Collins taught European history at Emory University.

"When I visited Shimer last Spring I was not sure what I would find. I knew that the students, faculty, administration and trustees of the College as well as many members of Mt. Carroll community were determined to see Shimer continue. They had already succeeded beyond any reasonable expectations. But I wondered whether this effort could continue and whether in the end it was really worthwhile. Two days on campus visiting classes and talking to members of the Shimer community convinced me that the answer to both questions was definitely yes. I was especially struck by the vitality of the classes which reminded me vividly of what a good experience teaching and learning at Shimer could be. Later in the summer when the opportunity to return to the Shimer faculty arose, I was eager to accept it, and all that I have seen of Shimer's prospects since returning to Mt. Carroll has made me very glad to be here."

## Chicago Alumni Set Pace; Incorporate, Elect Officers

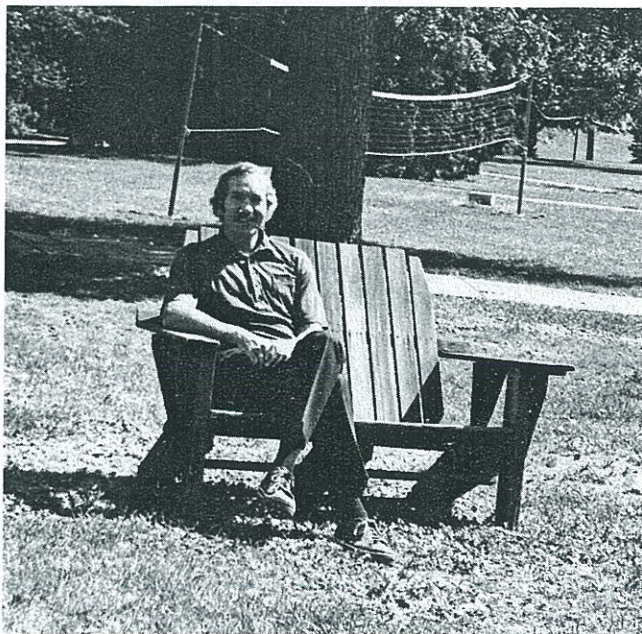
At the second meeting in a series of organizational seminars a steering committee of Chicago area alumni and parents voted to incorporate themselves in order to insure an ongoing association. The group elected officers and a Board of Directors to serve for the initial six-month period of incorporation.

Heading-up the group which has chosen the title Shimer College Association of Greater Chicago is Pinky Marble Poirot, AB '73. She will be assisted by First and Second Vice Chairpersons Tom Poirot, AB '73, and Kay Gaudette, Parent. Additional officers are: Secretary, Art Powers, AB '67, and Treasurer, Ted Hebelka, AB '74.

Serving on the charter Board in addition to those officers listed above are: Bill McKenzie, AB '74, Bill Fonvielle, AB '63, George Tanty, AB '70, Tom Gaudette, Parent, Alice Bro Racher, '41, Jerry Clark, AB '75, John Cole, Parent, and Tom Ortogier, AB '64.

The organization has already begun planning for a Chicago-wide reception which will introduce alumni and parents in the area to the potential fund raising, student recruitment, and social aspects of the regional association.

Correspondence regarding the Shimer College Association of Greater Chicago should be directed to the Poirots at 421 Elm Street, Deerfield, IL 60015.



Robert Richardson first taught at Shimer from 1965 to 1967. He has rejoined the faculty this fall and is teaching Natural Sciences and Philosophy.

Robert Richardson, former instructor, has returned to Mt. Carroll with his family as a part-time member of the Shimer faculty. He will teach natural science and philosophy. Richardson completed his Ph.D. in philosophy at Yale University in 1969. His most recent teaching position was at the University of Wisconsin where he was assistant professor of philosophy. The following is a statement from Richardson:



## Correspondence Seminars

# A Faculty Member's Inquiry Into A Continued Dialogue

What is quality? This is one of the questions posed in a very interesting book I have been reading and thinking about recently: Robert W. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, An Inquiry into Values* (in spite of that title, this is a very broad-ranging, interdisciplinary, Shimerian book). Is this an answerable question? It is the type of question we continually ask ourselves at Shimer.

I perceive Shimer College to be a quality institution, but in a way similar to Pirsig, I search for ways to identify how we know that. I recognize that there exists interrelations between various fields and approaches within the College — with opportunities and encouragements to pursue these interrelations.

As a scientist (nominally), I also recognize this is getting to what was once called Natural Philosophy. The fragmentation of Natural Philosophy into the separate areas of Natural Science and Philosophy is, I believe, a regression. I think we should try to reconstruct Natural Philosophy as a unifying discipline again — this thought is what has been guiding my teaching at Shimer College. Is this proper? I really would like to discuss this problem with you who have been through the Shimer experience and have gone beyond. Does unification lead to quality?

Well how do we do this? How can we discuss these questions? The Shimer method (if there is such a thing) is to *begin* with a set of readings.

So let me propose to you that we set up a series of individual, correspondence seminars, beginning with a small set of readings, and continuing wherever it leads us. Do some of the readings. Write to me about them. I'll write back. (And if you happen to visit Shimer some time soon, we can discuss it personally as well.)

Readings (only as a beginning — please suggest others):

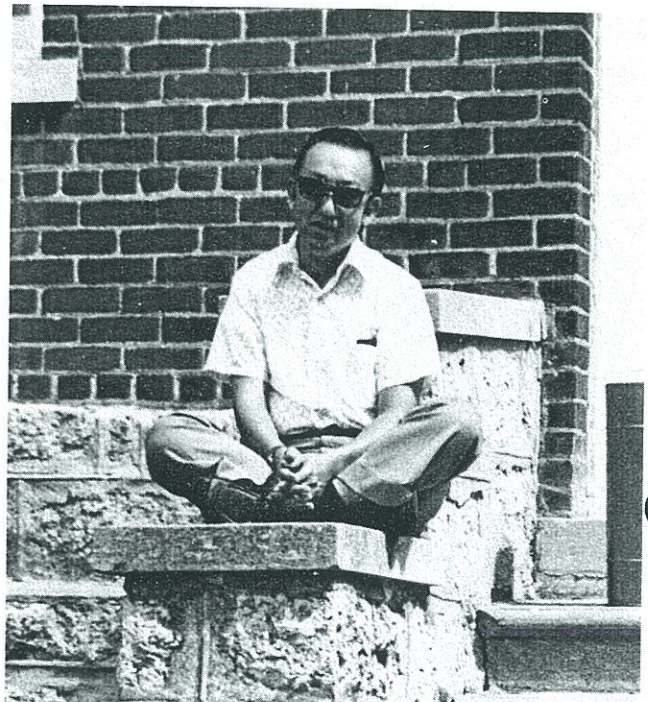
1. Robert W. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, An Inquiry into Values*, Bantam Paperback, 1975. Start with this.
2. Haiku: Harold G. Henderson, *An Introduction to Haiku*, Doubleday-Anchor Paperback, 1958; and Harold G. Henderson, *Haiku in English*, Charles E. Tuttle Co. (What does haiku have to do with science or natural philosophy?)
3. Limitations of Science: Richard Schlegel, *Inquiry into Science*, Doubleday-Anchor Paperback, 1972. (Would broadening science to natural philosophy change its limits?)

4. Historical Traditions in Science: Hugh Kearney, *Science and Change 1500-1700*, World University Library (McGraw-Hill) Paperback, 1971. (What is the nature of this change, what was its influence?)

Your local bookstore will either have the book or order it for you. Should you be unable to find the books, write to me and I will see if the Shimer Bookstore can order them for you.

I am looking forward to writing to you.

RICHARD S. SAKURAI,  
member of the faculty,  
Area of Natural Science



Richard S. Sakurai (or, as he prefers, RS<sup>2</sup>) joined the Natural Science faculty in 1969. He and his wife, Sandy (Registrar and personal counselor), have two sons, Korien, age 4, and Saren, age 7.

### Editor's Note:

This is the first in a series of correspondence seminars under consideration. In order to determine the desirability of expanding the offerings reader feedback is a decisive factor. As faculty participation is currently limited to a volunteer basis with no monetary remuneration, sufficient interest to warrant their efforts would be an encouraging factor. Please let us know your opinion by writing to the Alumni Office or directly to a particular faculty member. Feel free to suggest topics, readings, faculty, and scope of possible future offerings.

This seminar series holds great potential for continued academic involvement with the College. Possible expansion of the program could take the form of regional discussion groups, on-campus discussions, and shared ideas through the publication of correspondence. These, in turn could benefit students currently enrolled, exposing them to the interaction of former students. The potential among alumni is great and the program flexible.



# Attention Focused on Student Living Conditions, Counseling

During the past year, under the direction of Dean of Students Jean Bess, a renewed effort has been made to examine and improve student life on campus; as the comfort and contentment of the student in the dorm has a bearing on academic success and satisfaction with the Shimer educational experience.

The work has begun at the level of the student dormitory staff. Questions have been raised about the kinds of problems they are required to deal with and the training and resources they need to be effective. More intensive dorm staff training with the opportunity for greater openness and sharing are part of the plans for the 1975-76 academic year.

The increased attention being given to these areas of student life are in part due to the results of a two-day conference held on campus in late January. Under the direction of Dr. John Hurley and his staff from Michigan State University, dorm staff, student leaders, and interested members of the faculty and administration concentrated their energies on specific problem solving techniques and exercises. Campus concerns were defined, discussed, and in some cases solutions were proposed and executed during the following semester.



Sitting in front of Bennett Hall are Sandy Sakurai, Registrar and personal counselor, and Jean (Penny) Bess, Dean of Students.

The conference was proposed and funded by Dr. Paul H. Jordan, a children's psychologist and the father of Paul G. Jordan, AB '72. Dr. Jordan has shown continuous interest and support for Shimer for many years.

Another step forward which represents a key proposal that emerged from the conference/workshop is the appointment of Sandra Sakurai as a personal counselor. Ms. Sakurai has an M.S. in Student Personnel Work from Miami University and has counseled on two other campuses. She has been the Registrar for the past year and a half and will now divide her time between the two positions.

Dean Bess has spent the summer at Northern Illinois University working on her Masters in Counseling in Higher Education. With this background she expects to be able to introduce other new facets to the program during the academic year.

## A Husband Remembers

"She was a wonder at wild mushrooms . . ."

You'll understand that this is not the easiest letter I have ever written. The whole fact being underlined because it has taken me almost two years to do it.

My wife, Melissa Anne deLaguna-Hechtman, '67, was killed in an automobile accident on August 4, 1973. We met at Shimer.

She was a wonder at wild mushrooms and fishing for Crappies in the early morning. At times she and her Pentax seemed to merge into a single entity . . . was good to watch. Melissa thought the Beachboys were the best thing to listen to when cleaning a ramshackle apartment in Pennsylvania. She had had her first showing of her photos shortly before the accident and had actually sold something (imagine *italics* on the last two words). She could tell you what bird was singing and thought robin's egg blue the most beautiful color. She put up with me and my poetry and frustrations for five years and that still amazes me. To tell you the truth it amazes me more now than it ever did while she was alive. I think she was a very wonderful lady . . . make that LADY.

Thank you for indulging me. I just couldn't let it go with just a simple statement of end of existence.

As for me I work to support my writing which goes well these days. I shall end the letter here as the Beatles singing "Ticket to Ride" have just come on the radio and I feel like turning it way up right now.

Love — Ted Hechtman



This past June, Esther G. Weinstein retired as president of the College and Ralph Wendell Conant became Shimer's fourteenth president. Although she has stepped down from the leadership position, Dr. Weinstein is serving in an advisory role to the new administration. She currently resides in Portland, Oregon, and will return to the campus for Dr. Conant's November tenth inauguration.



## FORMER FACULTY

Mary Keohane, director of student teaching and instructor in education at Shimer from 1964 until retiring in 1972, visited Shimer in May along with Mrs. Blendon Kneale.

Hilda "Mom" McNeal, manager of McNeal grill at Shimer, is staying at the Belmond Nursing Home in Belmond, Iowa 50421. She writes in a letter to Esther Weinstein: "I have been ill and in the hospital here in Belmond, as I am unable to take care of myself, Dr. Leinback decided that I should come to the Belmond Nursing Home. I like it here and am very well satisfied. The people are good to me and the food is wonderful.

My heart is always with Shimer College.

I have had sorrow: my son-in-law, Robert Walsh, passed away. My daughter and her adopted son are left in Des Moines by themselves. God will take care of them.

From the old dishwasher at Shimer Grill."

## MARRIAGES

John Wiemers, '70, was married in June to Denise LaRue Metheney. John is enrolled as a sophomore at Illinois State University majoring in veterinary medicine.

Tim Bard, AB '70, was married September 20, 1975, to Catherine Sundstrom in French River Lutheran Church, Duluth, Minnesota. Both are finishing Master's degrees at Washington State University, Pullman, Washington; she in geology, he in environmental science.

Warren R. Walfish, AB '72, was married in January to Nancy Jo Schaffer of Alliance, Ohio, graduate of Mt. Union College, 1968, graduate student in clinical psychology at the University of Akron.

Joseph R. Bjerklie, x '75, was married to Kathy Toms of Mt. Carroll on August 23, 1975. They are currently residing in Mt. Carroll. He is employed at Dixon State School.

## DEATHS

Ertle Garnet Shatwell, '11, of Phoenix, Arizona, died in 1975.

Zella McGinty Keim, '21, died in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on August 9, 1975. Survivors include her husband, George, four children, eleven grandchildren, her brother and sister.

Alice Fenske, '27, of Chicago, Illinois, died on October 2, 1974.

Elinor Christ Zorn, '28, Albuquerque, New Mexico, died on June 15, 1975. She received a BA degree from Beloit College where she was a member of Tri Delta sorority. She was employed for 7½ years in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, assessor's office as a deputy clerk. Surviving is her sister, Mrs. Virginia Coleman, Beloit, Wisconsin.

Jane Buckaloo, '32, of Malta, Illinois, died on March 25, 1975.

## BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bezjian, AB '62, a son, Billy John, born July 2, 1974. They are currently serving as Houseparents at the Illini Children's Christian Home in St. Joseph, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Carroll, AB '66, are the parents of a daughter, Colleen Patricia, born August 10, 1975.

Melanie and Warner Johnston, AB '66, announce the birth of their son, Warner Wilbur.

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Daughter, Emily Carolyn Rocke, was born on June 6, 1975, to Mr. and Mrs. Davis M. Rocke, AB '66.

Son, Alexander Jacob, to Lynn and Philip Margolis, x '67. Zak, their three-year-old, is doing very well. The Margolises live in Glenside, Pennsylvania, where Philip recently opened a French cafe and is operating other gourmet shops in the area as well.

## CLASS NOTES

Neta Snook Southern, '12, has recently published her own recollections of early aviation history, *I Taught Amelia to Fly* (Vantage Press). As part of the recollections of her old school she writes to us, "Shimer has always been a part of my life. I grew up attending the recitals and other events. I rode my bicycle on the beautiful drives. I sold popcorn and fudge to the resident girls when I was attempting to earn money to buy my 'heart's desire' — a pony. (I was nine or ten years old.)

We lived on the corner of Clay and Rapp Streets (the site of the present post office). When the girls took daily walks downtown, they sometimes stopped for a quick game of croquet on our large green court. In trying to remember some of their names, Helen Hurley (Helen Hurley Harry, '18) comes to mind; also the girl with the pretty name, Charmion Holbert (Charmion Holbert Caswell, '13). In later years I visited in one dormitory with Vivian Shumway. My father was a local builder and contractor and almost single-handedly built the dome on Metcalf Hall."

Myrtie Heinze Mohlman, '43, her husband Bill, and two of their five sons, Paul and Bill, went on a three-week tour of Japan this summer.

Last April, Myrtie entered a contest to win a trip to Hawaii. Her letter was drawn and as a result she spent a week in Hawaii along with her husband. At the end of the all-expenses-paid week in Hawaii the couple, along with their two sons, flew to Japan to begin their tour.

Barbara Aubin, '45, has been granted tenure at Chicago State University by the Board of Governors effective September 1, 1975.

Margaret Spalding Booth, '53, writes, "We have just recently moved to the Toronto area, having spent thirty-three months with the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism in their Ottawa office as secretary. Since mid-June have been the Executive Director of the Ontario Ski Resorts Association and find it a most fascinating and challenging position. If anyone from the College is ever in our area, we would certainly welcome the chance to talk about Shimer with them." Their address is 340 Mill Road, Suite 1910, Etobicoke, Ontario M9C 1Y8, Canada.

Daniel H. Perlman, AB '54, Roosevelt University dean of administrative services, served as an educational consultant in the Philippines this summer under a Fulbright award.

Throughout July and August, Perlman conducted lectures and week-long workshops in higher education administration and management at five institutions in